## **WASHINGTON HOPES** FOR A SETTLEMENT

American Officials Consider Germany as Anxious to Remain Friendly as is U. S.

#### COMMENT IS VERY GRATIFYING

WASHINGTON, June 14 .-- Comment by the press of Europe on the recent American note to Germany atracted much attention in official and diplomatic quarters here today, and in the absence of information concerning the probable attitude of the German government it was the chief subject for speculation.

The editorials of the German press were read with particular interest by officials who drew much encouragement from the references to the friendly tone of the American note. High officials have felt that if a spirit of friendliness could be maintained throughout the necotlations, the efforts of the United States to convince Germany of the legality of the American position ultimately would be successful.

Phrasing Did the Work. careful phrasing of the last American KNIGHTS OF GRIP Careful phrasing of the last American tating the demands of the United States very earnestly, but in such a rashion as would not make it embarassing for Germany to meet the Americar position in a way satisfactory to its own public opinion as well as the United

The important thing which officials Herbert Stafford, Missouri; C. M. Zink, thought they gleaned from the press Indiana; George L. Miller, Kaneas; E. W. Nest, Tennessee; J. P. Jehnson, Wiscomment and other utterances was the soft that the German government was no more desirous of adding the United States to its list of enemies than the United States was of participating in the European conflict.

With a growing understanding in Germany that the United States is anxious for peace, but will insist on its rights, and the conviction has been supported by the conviction has bearly to the conviction has been supported by the conviction has b

for peace, but will insist on its rights, and the conviction here that the German government will not misconstrue the American demands into any effort to interfere with the operations of submarine warfare if these can be made to conform to accepted rules of international law as they affect neutrals, the chances for a peaceful outcome of the present difficulty were believed in well informed quarters to be improving easily.

See signs of Restriction.

An abatement of submarine warfare on possenger ships would contribute materially toward a peaceful settlement and some officials professed to see already signs of restriction of the activity of Cerman submarines to craft of such size as to make it readily possible to save the vined as to the policy that ought to be internal and as to the policy that ought to be internal and as to the policy that ought to be internal and as to the policy that ought to be internal and the conviction here that the German press is disjunction. Committee to Receive Report of National Chairman, Hotel Committee—R. Clyde E. Brown, Michigan; O. P. Fondale, Alabamas; F. P. Eubank, Colorado, Committee to Receive Report of National Chairman, Hotel Committee—R. M. Simons, Colorado, J. A. Guice, Mississippi; W. C. Hairmond, New Jersey.

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Committee to Receive Report of National Chairman, Hotel Committee—Clyde E. Brown, Michigan; O. P. Fondale Chairman, Hotel Committee to Receive Report of the Committee to Receive Report of the National Chairman, Good Reads and Public Utilities Committee to receive report of the Massachusetts and Committee to Receive Report of the National Chairman and Committee to Receive Report of the Committee to Receive Report of the National Chairman and Committee to Receive Report of the National Chairman and Committee to Receive Report of National Chairman and Committee to Receive R and the conviction here that the German Commit

The fact that the German press fe vined as to the policy that ought to be pursued is regarded hopefully here. It pointed out in diplomatic quarters riendly to the Germanic cause that with the arrival in Berlin of Anton Meyer Gerhard, personal messenger of Count on Bernstorff, the German ambassador, a full statement of the state of American public opinion and suggestions for a compromise will bring about a better feeling in all quarters in Berlin.

Assert Note Not Changed.

R. D. Davis, Virginis; J. M. Giddens Former Secretary Bryan today went to Georgia; W. C. Sumter, Kentucky. Old Point Comfort, Va., and there was little comment on his statement of yeserday obtainable in official quarters. It was neted, however, although Mr. Bryan referred to the softening of the note after his resignation, he said he did not ensider that the document had been sufdiciently changed to cause him to with-

While the White House and State department are not making any comment on Mr. Bryan's utterances, persons close to the president, who were in a position to know the details concerning the shapng of the last American note to Germany, pointed out that not only was the note shown to Mr. Bryan in its final form, but the president himself had exwith Mr. Bryan, an hour before the note was cabled, that some way could be found to make unnecessary the secretary's resignation, especially because of the possible misconstruction in Germany of the change at this time.

draw his resignation.

### Colonel House Denies Upon Peace Mission While in Europe

NEW YORK, June 14.-Admitting that he had talked with leading government officials of Germany. France and England, but denying that his trip to Europe was in any way connected with a posethic mission looking toward peace, or that he was the personal emissary of President Wilson, Colonel Edward M. House arrived here today from Liverpoot.
"I did not talk peace and that was not
my mission abroad," Colonel House declared. "That report was the biggest piece of nonsense that I have heard." He slso said that he was not called home by

Colonel House said that since leaving New York on January 30 of this year he had met and talked with leading officials of the governments mentioned, but added that his visit was a personal one, as a private citizen, and that it had no politi-

WASHINGTON, June 16 -All that officials have ever admitted concerning Colcnel E. M. House's visit to Europe has been that he was expected while there tons gross have been sunk as the result ated by renting houses, furnishing them to look into the question of co-ordinating of striking a mine in the White Sea. American relief work abroad.

sports to the president on the sentiment loward peace following his visits to the capitals of the various nations.

# Italian Army Makes

LUGANO, Switzerland, June 14.-(Via Geneva and Paris.)-The Italian eastern army, which has forced its way across the lower Igonae, capturing Monfalcone, is pushing forward along the Gulf of Trictse, towards the city of Tricste.
Further progress was made yesterday.
The next immediate objective is the town
of Nabresian on the gulf, size miles from Triests.

**VICTROLA STOLEN FROM** 

A victrols, valued at \$150, and records were killed and five officers were tonal.

Torcall at Castellar school. Entrance was gained through a window, which was a mob attempted to take Smith from the officers.

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magazine committee of the board of di-

Committee to receive report of state

Card Party for Women. Last evening in addition to the

a complimentary luncheon to the state

Secretaries' association at the Henshaw.

All the eating functions were early

enough to allow the participants to get

The program today includes business

Hands of Germans

AMSTERDAM, June 14 .- (Via London.)

A dispatch received here from Berlin aps: "Binca the beginning of the war

Danish Steamship

of the Housmount was saved.

Two Men Killed and

Five Hurt in a Riot

Omaka Field club at 3 p. m.

Spies Fall Into the

FLAG IS SYMBOL

OF NATION'S LIFE

(Continued from Page One.) daily endeavors. This flag does not express any more than what they are and what they desire to be, and when I think of the life of this great nation, it seems to me that we sometimes look to the wrong places for its sources.

"We look to the noisy places, where nen are talking in the market place; we look to where men are expressing their individual opinion; we look where partisans are expressing passion, instead of trying to attune our ears to that voiceess mass of men who merely go about their daily tasks, try to be honorable, try to serve the people they love, try to live worthy of the great communities to which they belong. These are the breath of the nation's nostrils; these are the sinew of its might.

All Days Flag Day. There are no days of special patriotm. There are no days when you should be more patriotic than on other days. "I am selemn in the presence of such a day. I would not undertake to speak your connecting the two nations. thoughts. You must interpret them for me. But I do feel that back not only of every public official, but of every man and woman of the United States, there marches that great host which has brought us to the present day; the host that has never forgot the vision which it saw at the birth of nations; the host which always responds to the dictates of humanity; and of liberty; the host that will always constitute the strength and the great body of friends of every man who does his duty to the United

party and reception to the vietting little flag of the union every day instead wemen at the Pontenelle hotel; a ban of some days, and I can only ask you, quet to the national efficers and their if you lose the physical emblem to be a complimentary function to the State the heart of America shall interpret the Presidents' association at the Rome and heart of the world."

### Austrians Abandon Attack on Lemberg

sessions morning and afternoon. The visiting women will be entertained at the LONDON, June 14 .- The Austro-Ger man attempt on Lemberg has been abandoned, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Dally News. The correspondent says that with the defeat of General Mackensen Wednesday night, Mackenson's army, moving along the raffway to Mosciska, started an attack with three hours of terrific artillery cannonade, to which the Russlans did not reply.

nemies of Germany have employed a number of spies for collecting information. The German authorities recently isservered a conspiracy which had its sadquarters at Masstricht. "When the enemy infantry was within 100 yards of the trenches," the correspendent adds, "the Russians opened a murderous fire and charged. They took the enemy's front line along both sides "Seventsen spice were arrested in Bel- of the railway and remained there. The gium, and it was proved that they had Austro-Germans tried to fortify their ommunicated information regarding the second line, but the Russians pressing int of troops on the Belgian rail- on in great numbers north and south, A court-martial condemned to passed beyond a cross-fire from both death eleven of the accused and six were ends and killed over 30,000 before dawn, sentenced to a total of seventy-seven when the enemy began a retreat." ears' penal servitude.
"On June 7 eight of the socused were

### executed. The three others caked for a parton and a decision in their case is pending." Firebugs Arrested

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 14.-Alteged incendiary fires in various coast cities Burned by Submarine that cost one insurance company, it is the arrest here of five suspects, four LONDON, June 14 .- Two Danish schoonmen and a woman, whose residences in ers, the Katrine and Cocos Merstal, were stopped today by a submartne. The crew this city recently were burned. They are of the Cocos Merstal was sent aboard the Katrine and the former vessel was then set on fire. The Katrine has arrived at the Firth of Forth, Scotland.

The British steamship Arndale of \$553 The police say the alleged band oper-The British steamship Hopemount of were started, according to the police, by It is known, however, that Colonel 5,300 tons gross was terpedoed and sunk the use of sausage akins filled with House has made frequent confidential today at a point west of Saint Ives, England, by a German submarine. The crew of oil.

The alleged confession of a man arrested a week ago, the police assert, led The British steamship Arndale was to the arrests. The prisoners are Frank built in 1906 at Sunderland. It was 340 G. Anselm, Mrs. Flora Anselm, Vila feet long., forty-eight feet beam and Garafale, Domenco La Turco and Rosso

## a Further Advance thirty-six feet deep. It was owned by T. Smalls a Sons Steamship Company, Lid. of Whitby. The Arndale presumably was carrying a carge to Archangel, the only important Russian pert bordering on the Gas Ordinance Good

WASSINGTON, June 14-The validity The Castellar School of the Dec Moines 10-cent gas ordinance was upheld by the supreme court.

As the suit which caused today's collision was brought before the present received the court gave its decision without prejudice against any further suit that may be brought, and for the present held the rate constitutions, valued at 1500, and records were killed and five assemble to the present held the rate constitutions. of the Des Moines 90-cent gas ordinance

Bee "For Rent."

## BRYAN'S RESIGNING PUZZLE TO BERLIN

One German Journal Says He Did Not Leave Office So He Could Quit Polities.

BERLIN (Via London), June 14. of Berlin generally profess inability filled them in others and obstructed the to understand the motives prompting approaches. William Jennings Bryan to retire from the post of secretary of state. Hundred and Seventieth Raden regiment The Morgen Post says:

have less confidence than we in the in reserve, were almost destroyed. honest desire of the American gov- "The assault commenced on June 7 ernment to arrive at a penceful com- over a front of 1,200 yards, and on June promise with us. Mr. Bryan is con- of 1,800 yards and for a depth of from vinced that President Wilson and his 200 to 1,000 yards had been captured. At sovernment will finally appeal to 5 e'clock in the merning of June 7, in force. We are not disposed to be- the face of a heavy fire from the enemy lieve this, but will await events."

Note Not Blunt. The Boersen Zeitung says:

"Bryan's resignation has been interpreted as indicating that the note would be rather blunt, which, however, is nowise the case. The note shows, on the contrary, an outspoken tendency to reach an understanding with Germany on the issues involved. If, therefore, Bryan desires to be the representative of peaceful efforts in opposition to the jingoistic tendency of the American government, we really do not know on what ground he will base his assertion."

The Boersen Zeitung confesses Bryan's proclamation to the people even harder to understand than is his resignation. The Tageblatt suspects that practical political differences played a part in the resignation of the secretary, saying:
"It may be safely assumed that Bryan

did not leave office in order to withdraw himself from political life." The Reichsbote, commenting

American note, says: "Either the tone was subdued following Bryan's sensational resignation, or Bryan desired to take advantage of an opportunity to escape easily from a situation which no longer was pleasant."

"The Deutsche Rundschau says: 'After seeing the note, it must be said that Bryan either was hasty or else other reasons yet unknown decided his

What It Shows.

COLOGNE, Germany (Via London), June 14.-The Koelnische Zeitung thinks that Mr. Bryan's withdrawal from the American State department, whatever else it may mean, also shows that the Koelnische Zeitung's verdict concerning the Cunard liner Lusitania finds comprehension among Americans and that those are not disposed to destroy the bridges

The peace which Mr. Bryan preaches also is possible along the ways followed by President Wilson, the newspaper says, and then adds: "For this, however, it indeed is necessary that Americans respect also Germany's sacred rights."

#### **REAL ESTATE VISITORS TO** BE TREATED TO BREAKFAST

The Omaha Real Estate exchange is so ners to its guests, the eastern real cetate men going through to fie coast, they have plianed to be out early in the morning and entertain one delegation at women at the Fontenelle at 6:30 o'clock; sure that you wear it in your heart, and a breakfast. The delegation of forty from Indianapolis and from seeventy-five to eighty from St. Paul, Minneapolis. Duluth and Winnipeg are to be entertained at breakfast. The Chicago special is to arrive at 9.30 Tuesday. A dinner at one of the country clubs is also planned.

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### Not One German in Baden 1,000 Escapes Death or Being Taken

PARIS, June M .- "When the French troops captured the important position before the farm of Toutvent," writes the official eye-witness on the French battle CANNOT UNDERSTAND HIS ACT front, "they found nothing remaining of the formidable fortification, installed there but masses of debris. The accurate fire of our heavy artillery wrenched the The Sunday morning newspapers wire entanglements from the ground, upheaved the trenches in some places,

"The position was held by the One of 1,000 men." the writer continues, "not one of whom escaped death or capture. "The former secretary seems to Two others companies of 200 men each,

10 a double line of tranches over a front treaches, the assault began under a storm of shot and shell. Not a man of the Breton and Vendeen troops filnched and the whole line advanced as one individual over the first two lines of the German trenches.

"The orders were to entrench there, but the men in the joy of victory pleaded to be allowed to go on, and it was with difficulty that the officers induced them to drop the rifle for the shovel. What remained of the enemy's troops were found huddled in the wrecked trenches. A few continued to fire, but the rest held up their hands.

"The fire of our artillery maintained a death curtain in the rear, preventing reinforcements coming up, and as soon as the position was entirely lost the enemy's four and eight-inch guns swept the ground, Our men were overjoyed."

#### **OMAHA LAD AWARDED** PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS

Mrs. Henry M. Knex has received a elegram from her sister, Mrs. Frank Crawford, who is attending commencement exercises at Groton school, at Groton, Mass., that John Knox, second. was called up before the audience assembled for commencement and awarded a prise in mathematics. Mrs. Crawford wired that it came as a pleasant surprise for her, because she did not know at the time that such an award had been made. Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knox and her mon, John, leave this week for the White mountains, where they will spend the vacation season, until Mr. Knox goes back to school."

### ITALIAN FORCES MOVING FORWARD

Rome Official Report Tells of Progress Made by Armies of the King.

EXPLOITS RECALLED

ROME (Vis Parls), June 14 .- An official note which sums up the first offensive movement of the army fol-

went resolutely forward, correcting Gradisca. at least in part strategical inconveniences of unfavorable frontier Details of the capture by Italians of such as were imposed upon us after Monte Zugna, situated approximately the campaign of 1856.

"Our brave mounted troops have conpied defiles and summits, the names of which recall unforgettable exploits by the brave combatants in Trentino half a century ago. A powerful artillery growns the summits and plateaus, from where operations more vast can be carried out later. It is battering effectively forts of the enemy considered up to the present time almost impregnable, and already has demolished some of them

Offensive Very Opened. "In the upper Cadere recollections Fortunato Calvi are evoked by the occupation of Cortina and other important Thus, not only are closed all routes for invasion by the enemy, but gradually there is being opened the way of an offensive action as soon as this is regarded opportune.

"In the Carnia zone our Alpine troops are solidly established on important defiles, holding them against repeated counter attacks by the enemy. In the eastern Friull zone our advance forces are de veloping greater contact with the enemy, progressively evercoming obstacles not to be despined.

The note adds that from results obtained, the excellence of the army must not give rise to optimistic opinions concerning the present war, which is severe and difficult. Especially, the note says, it must not be forgotten that the ground of operations is mountainous and prepared by the enemy for defense for a long time and defended by numerou troops hardened by ten months' fighting In conclusion the note declares that the army has decided to overcome at any price all obstacles, resistance and diffi-

Positions Shelled. UDINE, Italy, June 14 .- (Via Paris.)-Italian artillery today bombarded the fortifications of Santa Maria, San Pietro, San Marco, San Locia and the other po-sitions defending Gors, the capital of

the crownland or Gorz; and Gradisca. twenty-two miles northwest of Trieste and ten miles east of the Italian fron-

The railway lines running north and south of the city have been interrupted and the only communication remaining between Gorz and the rest of the Austrian empire is by the long and difficult mountain road along the Chiapovane

valley. Documents found on Austrian officers taken prisoner indicate that it was the plan of the Austrian general staff to prevent the Italians crossing the Isonso river, between Tolmino and Gors. The capture of Plava by the Italian troops, however, upset the Austrian plans for maintaining an insurmountable barrier in that part of the front through the co-"In the Trentino zone our forces operation of the towns of Tolmino and

Taking of Monte Zugna. VERONA, Italy, June 14 .- (Via Paris.)four miles southeast of Ala, reached here today from the battle front.

The position was fortified strongly and surrounded by strong wire entanglements and three lines of trenches. A platform had been built upon it for cannon. The position comprised also two large barracks, which are reported to have cost \$500,000 and which possessed the most modern equipment.

An Italian reconnaissance platoon, seeing that the fortifications were under manned, deployed in several detachments, pretending to be a battalion, in stead of a contingent of less than 100 men. The Austrian garrison surrendered and the mountain was occupied without a single Italian casualty. Zugna dominates the town of Rovereto and is within eight of Trent.

#### **BELGIAN REPORT TELLS** OF GERMAN SHELLING

HAVRE, June 14.-The Belgian official communication, issued Sunday, says: 'On June 12 there was intermittent born bardment on our front, notably at the farms of Univenest, Roedesterk and Berkelkof, as well as at Ramscapelle, Pervyse, Stuyvekenskerke and the tranches north of Dixmude and east of baint Jacques Capelle."

### GERMANS CONTINUE SHELLING OF OSSOWETZ

PETROGRAD, June 14.-(Via London.) -According to an official statement issved today the Germans during the last few days began a bombardment of Ossowetz fortress at 5 o'clock every evening. when the light was favorable, and con tinued the bombardment until sunset

"The forfress," the statement adds "has never been seriously damaged, despite the heavy guns employed by the

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